

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

There is one planning tool for NH communities that is the most important one of all - the Master Plan. Done right a Master Plan is a compendium of the townspeople's wishes and desires for the future of their town. It is a document that provides a blueprint for a community that should guide all of the important decisions that are made by Town government. It is a guidebook to what the town should look like in the next 15 or 20 years - what should stay the same and what things can change to move the community forward.

For all that to come true, a Master Plan update needs participation because done wrong a Master Plan ends up being nothing but a giant book of dreary facts and figures and graphs and tables that gathers dust on shelves and is never referred to again once it is adopted! Wide participation in a Master Plan update is vital. The more people who provide input the better, and here's why. The Master Plan should be referred to in the Selectmen's important decision making, before the Planning Board proposes ordinance and regulation updates, and when Town Departments are planning infrastructure improvements and capital expenditures. Don't you want to have been a part of the input into the document that is guiding the Town in all of those things?

New Boston's Master Plan was last updated in 2006 following the wildly successful "New Boston Speaks" community profile and two years of extraordinary work on the part of the Master Plan Committee. A good Master Plan is updated every 5 - 10 years by the Planning Board. The New Boston Planning Board has decided to be as hands on as possible with the update this time around and minimize the use of outside consultants who are not familiar with the community and its needs. The Board prepared a survey to update the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. The survey was mailed to every postal customer in New Boston and those property owners who live in different parts of the state and country and was also available at voting day.

On this page you will find the results of the survey in detail. We will be posting more information to keep you informed of the progress of the Master Plan update. Please continue to participate and send us your comments, stop by a Planning Board meeting or give us a call.

Thank you,

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